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In response to the Non-Final Office Action of November 12, 2004, having a three month shortened statutory period for response set at February 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below, in accordance with revised amendment practice, 37 CFR 1.121, effective July 30, 2003. A complete listing of all claims, replacing

all prior claims in the application, and including the text of all non-cancelled claims, is attached.

This Amendment is accompanied by a Transmittal Form and a postcard. No additional fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that a fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response, the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Peters, Verny, Jones, Schmitt & Aston, LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1331.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.